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**Message:**

Dear Examiner Au,

As we briefly discussed on the telephone last Thursday, June 10, 2004, Applicant would like to follow up with respect to the Sec. 112 rejection of claims 8-9, 14-15, first paragraph, by offering the following clarification.

First, the Examiner queried how a memory can be operationally independent of the operation of an electronic appliance, when it is necessarily associated with the set of numeric keys. Applicant believes the Examiner is mistaken in presuming that the memory must be used to control an electronic appliance, simply because the memory also stores the key entries. For the sake of clarification, Applicant points out that just because the memory stores the numeric keys entered by the user does not mean that the memory must be used to control the electronic appliance. As claimed, the "control circuitry" is the unit that controls the electronic appliance, whereas the scratch pad memory can store the key entries by the user, without affecting the operation of the electronic appliance.

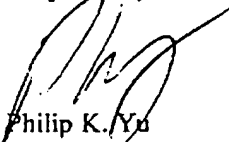
Such operational independence is not "new matter" and is fully described in the Specification. As described, on page 8, lines 21-29 of the Specification, the "scratch pad

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memory" stores numbers entered by the user punching the keys. Upon the user's command, such numerical entry is stored for display on the LCD of the URC. Obviously, storing the key entries in this situation does not affect the electronic appliance. The TV viewer has no reason to affect the TV program when the TV viewer only wishes to record the telephone number by using the numerical keys. The independence between the operation of the memory and the TV is thus quite obvious. Therefore, as disclosed in the Specification, the operation of the scratch pad memory, which can store the numerical entries without affecting the operation of the electronic appliance, e.g. the TV, is operationally independent of the operation of the TV. When a user intends to store a telephone number by storing it to the scratch pad memory, the user obviously does not intend for the TV's operation to be affected.

In light of the above, Applicant respectfully requests that the Examiner re-consider the Sec. 112 rejection of Claim 8-9, 14-15, since the amendment does not add new matter. Applicant thanks the Examiner for his patience and the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned to discuss the above matter.

Respectfully submitted,



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